

nursing and graduate education programs in Knoxville, which will also be the home for the law school.

Under the great leadership of President Nancy Moody, Vice President Cindy Witt and Board Chairman Pete DeBusk, the university has its highest enrollment ever. The main mission of the school is to educate the young people of Appalachia, 97 percent of whom receive financial aid.

Lincoln Memorial University, Madam Speaker, also has an outstanding Lincoln Museum and continues to be in every way a fitting tribute to a great President.

HONORING THE LIFE OF LAWRENCE "LARRY" KING

(Ms. BALDWIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Lawrence "Larry" King, a California eighth-grader who was shot and killed 1 year ago today by a classmate because of his sexual orientation and gender identity. Larry's tragic death is a reminder of what we already know, lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender students continue to face pervasive harassment and victimization in schools.

On this anniversary of Larry's death, vigils are being organized across the country in his memory, and young Americans are raising their voices to demand an end to violence and harassment directed at LGBT people in schools. This morning, I raise my voice with them. Every young American deserves an education free from name-calling, bullying, harassment, discrimination and violence regardless of his or her sexual orientation, gender identity or expression.

I want to thank my colleague, Lois CAPPS, for her work in authoring a resolution to honor Larry's memory. I urge my colleagues to join us in calling for an end to all violence and harassment in our schools.

HONORING ARMY PRIVATE FIRST CLASS ALBERT JEX

(Mr. LEE of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LEE of New York. Madam Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Army Private First Class Albert Jex, a Lockport, New York native who made the ultimate sacrifice on February 9, 2009, in Mosul, Iraq. Private Jex was deployed to Iraq in December from Fort Hood as part of the 1st Cavalry Division which is the Army's premier heavy-armored division.

Named after a great-uncle who died fighting the Nazis in World War II, Private Jex devoted his life to public service. He was a junior volunteer fighter for the South Lockport Fire Company, and he heard the call of duty after the events of September 11, 2001.

The close-knit neighborhood where Private Jex grew up has been lined with yellow ribbons since he first became a soldier and was sent to Iraq in 2003. These symbols now serve as quiet tributes to the bravest of patriots.

Finally, I want to recognize the courage of Private Jex's family. The thoughts and prayers of all western New Yorkers go out to his family.

JOB LOSS

(Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. EDWARDS of Maryland. Madam Speaker, I rise today to address the suffering felt throughout our Nation as Americans lose homes, businesses, jobs and opportunity. The job loss is proceeding at an alarming pace, one that hasn't been seen in decades. In January alone, 598,000 jobs were lost, the largest 1-month loss in 35 years. And it marked the 13th straight month that more workers were laid off than were hired. And just this morning, the Department of Labor announced that 623,000 initial jobless claims were filed last week. It is a sober reminder that it is time to get this country back on track.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act will create 3 to 4 million new jobs over the next years, 66,000 in my home State of Maryland, 8,000 in the Fourth Congressional District of Maryland. And our actions are necessary to stop the free fall and to get this country back on track.

Madam Speaker, what we do in this crisis will affect our Nation for generations. And I will vote for the recovery package because it will create jobs. It will create hope, opportunity and confidence for the American people. It is time to restore that hope and opportunity.

BIG GOVERNMENT IS BACK

(Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DANIEL E. LUNGREN of California. Madam Speaker, the question isn't whether we should do something. The question is, what should we do when we have this stimulus package in front of us? And why is that important? Well, Newsweek magazine says it all. The cover says: "We Are All Socialists Now." And inside they say, referring to the debate that is taking place on the floor, "big government is back big-time."

They go on to tell us that in many ways, our economy already resembles a European one. And they then project we will soon become even more French. I don't know about you, but I didn't believe that the people voted in the last election to become more French. And when I look at the stimulus package and learn that it has \$30 million to protect the San Francisco marsh mice, I have to ask, is that becoming more

French, or is that just becoming more absurd?

GOOD NEWS

(Mrs. MALONEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. MALONEY. Madam Speaker, Americans today can breathe a sigh of relief as we take a first step toward repairing our badly damaged economy. This bill will begin to put Americans back to work fixing roads, repairing bridges, building schools and laying the bases for the economy of tomorrow.

The good news is already starting to come in. Caterpillar Tractor, an iconic American machinery manufacturer, announced that it will rescind some of the 20,000 announced layoffs as soon as this bill passes.

This bill is expected to produce 4 million jobs. And it contains tax cuts that will benefit 95 percent of working Americans, including a \$400 tax credit for individuals and an \$800 tax credit for couples. This is a bill that says to the world, "yes, we can."

RECIPE FOR DISASTER

(Mr. COLE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. COLE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to speak about the proposed stimulus legislation. To paraphrase Winston Churchill, never have so few spent so much so quickly to do so little. The stimulus bill, now totaling a staggering \$789 billion, does little to aid our ailing economy. Let me put \$789 billion in perspective. That is more money than we spent in 5 years of war in Iraq. That is more money than we spent in Afghanistan. Seven hundred eight-nine billion dollars is nearly as much as the total of all United States currency currently circulating worldwide.

This spending bill creates some 30 new Federal programs and agencies, growing government to the largest size ever. In fact, the spending in this bill is larger than the budgets of most governments and nearly twice the size of the oil-rich economy of Saudi Arabia. What we need is more money in the hands of those who pay taxes, create jobs and invest in our economy. Instead, we're giving billions to those who will grow government and raise taxes.

Madam Speaker, this is not a road to recovery. This is a recipe for disaster.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Madam Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 157 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows: